



NEW YORK STATE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT 2000



Members of the New York Air National Guard conduct a humanitarian relief mission to Central America



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Dear Governor Pataki:

I have the honor of submitting this report on the activities of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs and the Military Forces of the State of New York during 2000.

This year proved to be another year of achievement for our state's military forces. Once again, we offer this snapshot of our service to state, nation and community. The tradition of "Adjutant General's Reports" stretches back almost to the very founding of our state. This issue is a sequel to the style we adopted in 1998, which stresses narrative versus numbers.

In turn, you have called upon us for state emergency response more times during your administration than your predecessor did in three terms. On your order we have eagerly responded to fires, blizzards, ice storms, floods, tornadoes and the TWA Flight 800 disaster. In partnership with other agencies, we stood ready for any Y2K trouble that arose. In 2000, we began to train and field our new Civil Support Team to respond to the potential use of Weapons of Mass Destruction by terrorists. With your support, we were heavily involved in the development of this new national effort to safeguard our homeland from this threat. We have an outstanding team and our personnel continue to meet and exceed all training expectations and challenges.

Your landmark "guardHELP" community support program launched in 1998 continues to thrive. In accordance with your instructions, we continue to reach out and link with local communities across the state to develop and conduct joint projects to benefit the community and support our training objectives. We have solved a public school's drainage problem and removed abandoned cars from the Bronx River and an environmentally sensitive preserve near Rochester. We continue to support and operate youth programs from our armories and air bases, and our Counterdrug program continues to support law enforcement agencies statewide.

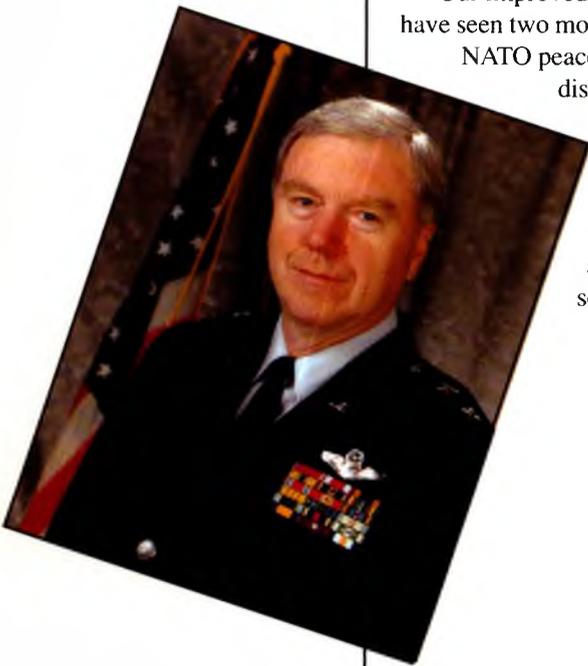
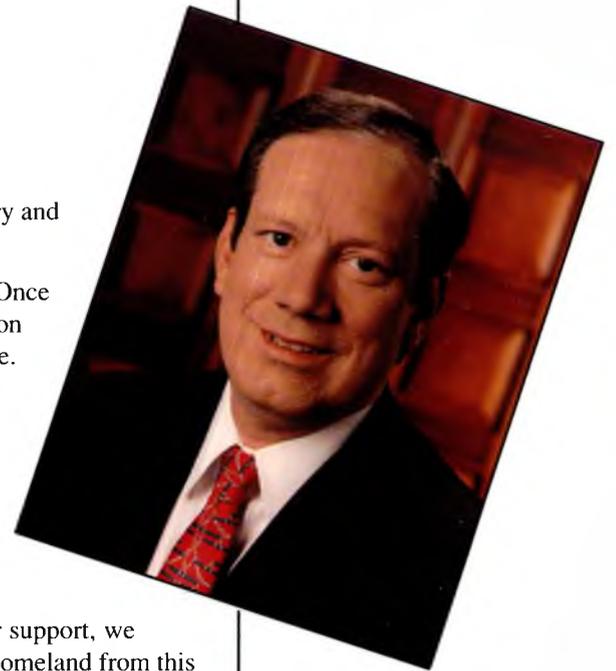
Our improved readiness and eagerness to serve has helped us perform our federal mission as well. We have seen two more Army National Guard units mobilize, deploy and return from Europe as part of the NATO peace keeping effort in Bosnia, and our Air National Guard units continue to serve with distinction in fulfillment of their Air Force mission.

This report continues to reflect the changes brought about in the State Military Forces over the past five years. On these pages you can clearly see how we have returned to time honored values, while remaining focused on our vision statement of "Readiness, People, Future." We are proud to be soldiers, airmen and women, sailors and marines of New York as well as for the nation. Each day we strive to perfect our service to both.

In that spirit, this report is most

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Fenimore, V
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The Adjutant General



ONE FORCE, TWO ROLES, THREE MISSIONS

The United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of New York establish the authority for the state to have its own military forces to protect the life, liberty, and property of its citizens. With its roots in our nation's colonial militia, the military forces of the State of New York consist of the New York Army and Air National Guard, New York Naval Militia, and the New York Guard.



The Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA) is the state agency that manages these forces and also oversees a separate civilian component, the State Emergency Management Office to help prepare for and respond to emergencies and disasters within the state. DMNA's commissioner is The Adjutant General (TAG), a title which dates back to the American Revolution.

Consistent with the growth of the nation, federal law regarding state militia forces has also changed, ultimately leading to our modern National Guard. Over the decades, the National Guard has become more closely integrated with the federal military as its primary reserve component, even as the National Guard continues to perform its traditional state mission. Therefore today, the National Guard is both a state and federal force, and DMNA contains management elements that are both federal and state in nature.

Synergy is the greatest advantage of this unique relationship. The federal government pays for the overwhelming majority of the Guard's expenses. In return it obtains a pool of trained units and individuals it could not afford to maintain on a full-time basis. The state has access to trained and



disciplined personnel and equipment that it could not afford to maintain on its own. By combining federal surge requirements for wartime assets and state surge requirements for emergency assets, both governments benefit.

In addition, the National Guard continues the same level of local involvement and support that has been its hallmark from the beginning. At the same time, our state-only organizations the Naval Militia and New York Guard assist the National Guard in the conduct of state missions.

The military forces of the State of New York are **ONE TEAM**, with **TWO ROLES** (state and federal) and **THREE MISSIONS** (service to nation, state, and community).



The New York National Guard and Naval Militia train to the same standards, perform the same missions, earn the same pay and wear the same uniform as the Regular

armed forces - but on a part-time basis as members of our nation's reserve components. Unlike members of the Army or Air Force Reserve, **only members of the National Guard and Naval Militia have taken an oath to also serve the state.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contained in this report are examples of how the men and women of the Division of Military and Military Affairs are surpassing the challenges of these three missions. To learn more, contact the Public Affairs Office, Division of Military and Naval Affairs, 330 Old Niskayuna Road,

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We bring the best of our communities into the military service and return the best of military training and values to the same communities

Major General John H. Fenimore, V
The Adjutant General of New York



New York Army National Guard



The New York Army National Guard (NYARNG) is one of the largest in the nation. It is comprised of three major commands: the Headquarters 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division, the Headquarters 27th Separate Infantry Brigade (Enhanced) and the Headquarters 53rd Troop Command. The NYARNG has an authorized strength of 13,268 personnel.

During this year, Army National Guard units from all three major commands performed state active duty in response to winter storm and potential hurricane emergencies. An air crew of the 3rd Battalion 142nd Aviation airlifted engineer



equipment into a mudslide zone to support New York State Department of Transportation efforts to limit further damage to the town of Delmar following a period of severe rain.

Troops from the 105th Military Police Company returned home to Buffalo and Rochester following their successful deployment to Bosnia for the NATO peacekeeping mission. The 138th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment was mobilized, deployed and returned from Germany, where the unit directly supported the Headquarters U.S. Army Europe and operations throughout the Balkan region.

The 204th Engineer Battalion and the 145th Maintenance Company performed "guardHELP" community support missions in communities across the state's Southern Tier, on Long Island and in the Bronx. Aviators airlifted abandoned cars from a preserve near Rochester and conducted waterbucket training with local firefighters in preparation for future joint fire fighting operations.

Units of the 42nd Infantry Division successfully completed overseas training in Germany and Annual Training while Rainbow soldiers from western New York's 127th Armor Battalion tackled the most complex Army tank gunnery maneuvers at Fort Drum. The 27th Separate Infantry Brigade (Enhanced) successfully completed Exercise Empire Peak at the former Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome and Fort Drum, as part of the command's preparations for deployment to the Army's Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, LA in 2001.



New York Air National Guard



The New York Air National Guard (NYANG) is the nation's largest Air National Guard element consisting of five flying wings, an air defense sector, three groups, and a state headquarters. NYANG has an authorized strength of more than 6,000 members. Units are located at Westhampton Beach, Newburgh, Latham, Schenectady, Rome, Syracuse, and Niagara Falls.



Air National Guard missions span the spectrum of Air Force operations from tactical fighters, aerial refuelers, combat search and rescue, and both strategic and tactical airlift.

NYANG had a very successful year. The primary focus has been to acquire more relevant missions to replace those considered by the Air Force less vital in the 21st Century. At the same time, NYANG has been trying to find missions that provide greater capability to our state emergency operations. In 2000 for example, NYANG Air Wing headquarters across the state supported joint missions for the Y2K contingency and snow emergencies.



New York Naval Militia



The New York Naval Militia (NYNM) is a federally recognized Naval Militia, comprised of over 5,500 Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reservists, making it the largest Naval Militia in the US. The mission of the New York Naval Militia is to respond to any state emergency when called upon by the Governor, and to assist in the training of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reservists as a contribution to national security.



The New York Naval Militia, like the Army and Air National Guard, contribute to state emergencies, local community projects and participate in a variety of functions including parades, memorial services and dedications, ceremonies for sporting events, county fairs and funerals. The Navy Seabees continue to provide construction service to local communities across the State.

New York Guard



The New York Guard (NYG), first established in August 1917, is the fourth component of the Empire State's Militia Force. Currently organized in cadre status, NYG members serve as an all-volunteer force.



The primary missions of the New York Guard are to serve as a Reserve Land Force supporting the varied state missions of the New York Army National Guard (NYARNG) and to assume full responsibility for these duties in the event NYARNG troops are ordered into federal service. Like the Army and Air National Guard, the New York Guard contribute to state emergencies and local community projects.

State Emergency Management Office



The New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) includes activities and programs designed to prevent or mitigate, respond to and recover from natural or man-made disasters or emergencies which affect State residents.



The State Emergency Management Office, one of the Division's nonmilitary components, directs the Governor's Emergency Management Program, and provides staff support to the New York State Disaster Preparedness Commission (DPC).

SEMO emphasizes a pro-active emergency management posture to facilitate response to emergencies that may affect local governments. This means planning and being prepared for emergencies rather than simply responding to them.



Joint Guard Team Helps Re-open Buffalo

Joint Emergency Response from Army, Air, and Navy engineers made quick work of more than two feet of snow in Buffalo just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The largest single-day snowfall the City of Buffalo had seen closed the city for two days. All major roads and highways includ-



ing the NY State Thruway west of Rochester was closed due to the heavy snowfall.

Nearly two hundred soldiers, sailors and airmen participated in the emergency response mission, working alongside local and state transportation department personnel and the New York State Police.

Civil Support Team Trains Emergency Responders

The New York National Guard's Civil Support Team for Weapons of Mass Destruction achieved unparalleled success in 2000, completing more than two years of preparation and training as a new unit.

In January, the team deployed to Fort Drum for a validation exercise from the Army to evaluate the unit's

ability to rapidly deploy and assist civil authorities to detect and identify chemical, biological or nuclear weapons of mass destruction.

Following the team's successful validation, the CST began statewide training and familiarization for local emergency responders, including law enforcement, medical services, fire fighters and environmental protection. Training scenarios in up-state counties as well as emergency preparedness training with New York City officials not only refined the team's training readiness but also provided local authorities with

new experience for incident management.



The team ended 2000 deploying to Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah achieving a 100% success rate in identifying live threat agents with the unit's assessment equipment.

Operation Mudslide

Over Memorial Day weekend, aircrews from the Army National Guard airlifted heavy engineer equipment to the site of a devastating landslide.

Heavy rains in late May led to a landslide in the Albany County Town of Delmar, causing the loss of one building and damage to an adjacent highway.

The rugged terrain and steep slope presented a difficulty to the New York State Dept. of Transportation geologists until the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter air and ground crews arrived and after seven sling loads had moved a 5,000 pound drill rig and its associated equipment to the site for soil sampling.



Service to our State

Firefighting From Above

Following the devastating West Point wildfires of 1999, the Army National Guard received the much-welcome news that new fielding of two state-of-the-art firefighting platforms are heading to New York.

The funding, in the FY 2001 Defense Appropriations bill will purchase a pair of Sikorsky S-70A 1000-gallon Firehawk water tank systems. Based on a request from Governor George E. Pataki, US Representative Sue Kelly fought for and won the appropriation.

The Firehawk can draw 1000 gallons of water into its tank in about 60 seconds, and its belly tanks allow for greater airspeed and more precise drops for rapid turn-arounds.

In past years, the Governor has activated Guard aviators to combat fires from the Long Island Pine Barrens to West Point, the Adirondacks and Rotterdam.



New Year's Snowfall

Even the threat of two feet of snowfall couldn't stop the festivities celebrating the new millenium in New York City. With forecasts for more than 18 inches of snow from New York City, Westchester and the Hudson Valley, Army National Guard soldiers teamed up with members of the New York State Police to assist motorists stranded on snow-bound roads and highways throughout the night of December 30th using National Guard M998 HMMWVs.



"The Hummvee can go where a Ford Crown Victoria can't," said NY State Police Sgt. Robert Hogan from Troop K in Poughkeepsie, "That's why it is so valuable to us."



Supporting Veterans

Honoring WWII veteran Haywood Campbell with a Bronze Star 55 years after the Battle of the Bulge, Governor Pataki went on to announce in October 2000 the state's Oral History Program.

The Oral History Program employs digital camera technology to record the first hand accounts and experiences of New York's veterans.

"Recording and effectively preserving these accounts will ensure that the service, sacrifice and accomplishments of New York's veterans are never forgotten," Governor Pataki said.

Service to our State



Engineers 'GuardHELP' NY

The New York Army National Guard's 204th Engineer Battalion conducted a series of community support projects along the state's Southern Tier and on Long Island in the third year of Governor George E. Pataki's landmark "guardHELP" program.

Troops from Binghamton, Oneonta, Walton, Horseheads, Peekskill, New York City and Riverhead, worked at various locations during the last week in June performing Innovative Readiness Training projects during Annual Training. Hundreds of troops operating dozens of Army engineer vehicles and other pieces of equipment went to work in local communities. Each project had been extensively planned, screened, and approved by the Department of Defense. Each project not only returned value to the community, but also matched federal training requirements of the 204th.

In Binghamton's Ely Park, troops improved the public golf course by excavating drainage ditches that otherwise could have cost the city more than \$30,000.

In Oneonta, soldiers used bulldozers, bucket loaders, graders and dump trucks to level a six-acre area along the banks of the Susquehanna River adjacent to the city. They prepared the site as a future athletic field and saved Oneonta more than \$100,000.

At the Newark Valley Middle School, troops worked with civilian contractors and town highway department personnel to raise the level of the school's parking lot to solve a severe drainage problem. The Guard built berms

to channel water away and raised the parking lot as much as three feet. School officials said the GuardHELP project saved the community years of delay and the need for a bond act.

At Riverhead, Long Island, members of the 204th graded the dirt



road to the local 4H camp and fixed camper cabins for summer use. In addition, the troops improved a local police range to make it safer and easier for law enforcement personnel to use.

In Penn Yan, troops constructed a youth summer camp building for the NY State Sheriffs Association in six days. The troops also graded the access road.

Governor Pataki launched guardHELP in May 1998 as part of

his strategy to bring the Guard closer to local communities. GuardHELP makes it easier for communities to get direct non-emergency help from the Guard, and it captures the essence of the national military strategy at the local level by forging links between civilian and military leaders. The "HELP" in guardHELP stands for "Hear," "Educate," "Link," and "Partner."



Guard Helps Restore Bronx River Recreation Potential



In the latest installment of Governor Pataki's GuardHELP community support program, troops from the Bronx and Brooklyn removed about 20 junk vehicles from a section of the Bronx River. The Partnership for Parks needed the Guard's expertise and special equipment to remove the vehicles where steep banks and soft terrain made it impossible to continue their clean up efforts.

Late in August, troops from the New York Army National Guard used HEMTT wreckers and an all-terrain forklift to drag the junk cars from the river and load them onto a civilian contractor's flatbed truck. Fighting rainy weather and rising tides, the soldiers used canoes to reach and rig several cars that were totally submerged.

Service to our Communities



New York's Military Forces Honor Guard

In April of 2000, the New York State's Military Forces Honor Guard achieved statewide coverage of military funerals and color guard support to veterans and their families by extending coverage to Western New York.

The Division of Military and Naval Affairs program, first started in the summer of 1999, provides honor guard teams across three geographical regions of the state for military internment honors, state ceremonial functions and honor guards for veteran service organizations and ceremonies.

The Military Forces Honor Guard teams exceeded 3,000 military funerals and supported more than two dozen color guards in 2000. Military honors have been



directed by public law and the Department of Defense to provide a presentation of the American Flag and the playing of Taps for veterans and their family members.

Actor Visits Youth Programs

Veteran actor, director and playwright John Amos came to the Division of Military and Naval Affairs headquarters in December for a special visit focusing on community based youth programs.

Amos explained how proud he was of his own National Guard experience and how much he respects the Guard's service to the community. Amos expressed his concern for "at risk" youth and has begun work to support ChalleNGe and other drug demand reduction youth programs. Amos said his desire to give back to the community is from the success his career has brought him.



Service in Schenectady

Members of the New York Army National Guard, Air National Guard and New York Naval Militia joined forces to rid the city of Schenectady of a dangerous eyesore in August of 2000.

The training involved demolition of an abandoned storage structure next to the city museum. The building had decayed and posed a hazard. The joint team worked for three days to strip the exterior, collapse the steel skeleton and cut the pieces into scrap metal. The land will be used to expand services at the museum.

ChalleNGe Breaks '1000' Graduates

The New York National Guard ChalleNGe Youth Opportunity Program for high school dropouts broke the "1000th" graduate milestone at its 14th graduation ceremony in June at Camp Smith, near Peekskill.

ChalleNGe helps high school dropouts get their life back on a productive track. Separate classes of young men and women are

immersed in military-style discipline within a structured environment, including a rigorous regimen of classroom

instruction to ready them for the GED examination, team-building training, leadership, physical fitness, community service and military drills.



MPs Return from Peacekeeping In Bosnia

Members of the Western New York-based 105th Military Police Company returned home in March after nearly nine months duty in Bosnia with the NATO peacekeeping effort.

The unit was activated the previous August, and following several weeks of training was deployed to Eagle Base in Tuzla. The unit supported elements of the U.S Army's 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) from Fort Drum. The soldiers' duties included patrolling and security missions around the countryside at or near military bases. While there, the troops adopted and supported Bosnian high school students, and aided the children in their studies and efforts to grow up in the war-torn region.



The unit received considerable support from families and friends at home while serving overseas through the



unit's family support program. Families and members of the community shipped large donations of school supplies to the soldiers for distribution to the Bosnian students. The troops were rewarded with a rousing homecoming celebration at the Niagara Falls Air Base upon their return. Federal authorities praised the unit for its service, saying it was one of the very best units in the peacekeeping effort thus far.

New York Mobilizes its First Female Commander

In 2000, Captain Linda Thorburn became the first female officer to command a unit activated for overseas duty under a Presidential Selected Reserve Call Up. Her achievement is a first in the New York Army National Guard.

Captain Thorburn, commander of the 138th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, led a seven-member team from Latham during an eight-month active duty tour to Europe from April through December.

Her unit is the fifth New York Army National Guard organization called to duty for the NATO Peacekeeping Mission to Bosnia since 1996.

The 138th was deployed to Heidelberg, Germany to work for the US Army Headquarters in Europe. During the deployment, members of the team performed temporary duty in

Bosnia and Kosovo, as well as other locations. The unit is comprised of Army journalists and broadcast journalists who perform public affairs operations.

These include publishing military newspapers, producing video stories for Armed Forces Radio and TV and assisting civilian news media coverage.



Capt. Thorburn was promoted to major during the 138th's homecoming.

Orion Reaches 'Empire Peak'



Over 4000 members of the New York Army National Guard's 27th enhanced Separate Infantry Brigade deployed both to Griffis Industrial Airpark in Rome, NY and then Fort Drum for the unit's full-scale rehearsal of deployment and combat operations to prepare for the 2001 rotation to the Army's premier infantry training center at Fort Polk, LA.

Service to the Nation





Air Guard Serves in Air Expeditionary Forces

mission through the Air Force's new Air Expeditionary Force concept.

The Air Force established ten AEFs to better manage units for operations around the world. Each AEF is comprised of a pool of units from active duty, Air Force Reserve or the Air National Guard. These integrated teams stand ready for rapid deployment as needed. Units from throughout the Air

Force are assigned to an AEF for up to 15 months during which they could be activated for a real world contingency. The AEF concept is especially beneficial to the Guard in that it eases the uncertainty for members and the corresponding impact on families and employers when a Guard member is deployed.

The 174th Fighter Wing from Syracuse deployed to the Persian Gulf in the spring as part of a rotation for Operation Southern Watch over Iraq. The deployment included pilots, aircraft support personnel and numerous other support teams with the wing's F-16 fighters to support UN operations over the No-Fly Zone in Southern Iraq.

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East European Visitors Compliment NY National Guard

The New York National Guard was complimented by dozens of East European government and military officials who briefly visited the Guard's Fifth Avenue Armory in Manhattan in the Spring, indicating that it was the best part of their visit to the United States.

Nearly eighty senior civilian and military officials came to America to visit and learn from top US government and civilian leaders on a wide range of topics. The trip was part of the Garmich, Germany-based



George C. Marshall Center for Strategic Studies curriculum on leadership for government officials from East European emerging democracies. The center runs two classes annually, and last year decided to add a visit to the New York National Guard for a morning presentation on the Guard's emergency response and community support missions.

The participants noted not only the presentation content, but everything related to their visit. This included displays, the appearance of the armory and the manner in which they were greeted and supported by their New York National Guard hosts.



Serving Science for Polar Missions

Following the acclaim of the New York Air National Guard's South Pole rescue mission in 1999, the 109th Airlift Wing continued its support to National Science Foundation research in Antarctica.



erated in polar environments since 1975 and is the only LC-130 unit in the world flying the ski-equipped airlift aircraft in both the northern and southern polar regions.

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